has ben taken to set up an refinery with the assistance of non–resident Indians.

Privatisation of IISCO

4675. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of West Bengal for privatisation of IISCO.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have taken any decision for further investment in the IISCO; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) and (b). Shri Swraj Paul of Caparo Group Limited, London wrote to the Prime Minister stating that the Chief Minister of West Bengal had desired him to visit the Indian Iron and Steel Company with a view to looking at a possible take over of that Company. The Chief Minister of West Bengal has also written to the Prime Minister drawing his attention to Shri Swaraj Paul's letter. Chief Minister, West Bengal, has requested that the proposal of Shri Swaraj Paul may be considered on a very urgent basis in view of the present difficult resources position.

(c) and (d). The proposal regarding modernisation of IISCO is pending before the Public Investment Board. SAIL are also exploring various alternatives for funding of the project.

National Oil Grid

4676. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in establishing a National Oil Grid; and

(b) the number of storage and packaging stations alongwith their locations set up the National Dair Development Board so far, State–wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRA) (a) Towards the objective of establishing a National Oil Gird, NDDB has created (a) oil storage of about 2.35 lakh tonnes under NDDB's Vegetable Oil Project, (b)Packaging infrastructure to pack about 1.4 lakh tonnes of oil annually.

NDDB has also developed an economical transport system to move large quantities of indigenous oil from surplus to deficit areas.

(b) The NDDB has so far financed following storage and packaging stations:

State	*Packaging Station*	*Storage*
Gujarat	Anand, Jagudan, Surat	Idar, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Dhasa,Junagadh, Anand, Mehsana, Kandla.
Madhya Pradesh	Ujjain	Ujjain

State	*Packaging Station*	*Storage*
Karnataka	Bangalore, Hospet	Hospet,Bangalore, Raichur,
Tamil Nadu	Madras, Madurai, Tiruvannamalai	Tiruvannamalai, Virudhachalam.
Orissa	Bhubaneswar,	Khurda
Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad,	Hyderabad
Maharashtra	Bombay,Dhule	Bhule
Uttar pradesh	Noida	Noida
West Bengal	Calcutta	Calcutta
Others	Chandigarh	Delhi (i) Mother Dairy (ii) Narela.

Agricultural Schemes in Orissa

4677. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has submitted proposals of Interstate river valley project, schemes for development of cashew plantation and integrated watershed management schemes in the catchment area of flood prone rivers;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to allocate fund for these schemes; and

(c) the funds allocated during the current year to Orissa for development of Agriculture in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 350/- lakhs has been allocated to the Government of Orissa during 1991–92 in respect of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects. The State Government have submitted proposal for the same amount. Cashew plantation is one of the items of the programmes of soil conservation. No catchment from State of Orissa has been included under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchments of Flood Prone rivers.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 108.05 crores has been allocated for development of agriculture and allied activities in Orissa.

Production of Crude Oil

4678. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: